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## 8 dead, 8 missing in chopper crash

**SCOTLAND** At least eight people have died after a helicopter crashed off the Northern coast of Scotland, local police there said yesterday.

Reports indicated eight bodies had been recovered by police.

The search continues for eight other people, said Grampian police.

Alex Salmond, Scotland's first minister said the outlook was grim.

"It looks like we might be might be facing (Britain's) second-worst helicopter support incident in history, in terms of the number of fatalities," he said. "Eight bodies have been recovered and I am afraid to say the outlook for the other eight people involved is extremely bleak."

The crash occurred about 56 kilometres off the coast from the village of Crimond in northeast Scotland, said the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

No explanation for the crash has been given.

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Justice Minister Cecil Clarke answers questions from reporters yesterday after another prisoner was mistakenly released from custody. Ryan Jessop, 22, went to the Spring Garden courthouse on Tuesday and was supposed to have been returned to the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside but an error on a document indicated that he didn't have to return.

# Prison punchline

Dangerous offender accidentally released in another mix-up

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**It was no April Fool's Day joke.**

Yet another prisoner was mistakenly released from jail, the province announced yesterday.

Ryan Jessop, 22, of Dartmouth was accidentally released at Halifax Provincial Court Tuesday, just one day after officials discovered they had accidentally released another prisoner six days earlier.

That man, Chancellor Faulkner, was apprehended by police yesterday and is now back behind bars.

At a hastily called press conference last night, Justice Minister Cecil Clarke repeatedly called the releases unacceptable and

unreasonable.

"To have this happen within a one-day period is (more) than frustrating, I can tell you," Clarke said. "Because I would expect with the heightened awareness ... that these matters would have had nothing but due diligence."

Jessop was released the same way as Faulkner.

He was on his way to court for charges including possession of a weapon, uttering threats and extortion, and should have been sent back to the

Burnside jail.

But a clerical error led to his form saying he could be released.

Clarke said he considers Jessop to be dangerous.

Both incidents are being investigated and Clarke said, "appropriate disciplinary action will be taken."

He also announced several new changes to the process to fight human error.

Forms that accompany inmates to and from court will now have an additional alert requiring staff to double check whether the

inmate is supposed to return to jail.

There will now be increased supervision of the admissions and discharge area.

A senior employee will be assigned to oversee the process and ensure everything is accurate.

Digital recorders will be put on all telephones to record communications regarding the transfer of inmates.

Jessop is the 11th prisoner mistakenly released in Nova Scotia in the last three years.

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter said in the last 20 years he couldn't remember there being so many mistaken releases.

He said the steps taken yesterday should have been done earlier.

## Body of missing cab driver recovered?

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**INVESTIGATION** The body of a person was found near North Preston yesterday afternoon as Halifax RCMP was continuing its search for missing cab driver Sergei Kostin.

Cpl. Joe Taplin of the RCMP said the HRM integrated major crime unit was searching around Upper Governor Road and came upon a body about 20 feet off the roadway.

The body was found around

4:30 p.m., and 30 minutes later the RCMP Forensic Identification Unit arrived to start its in-

vestigation. **Sergei Kostin**



"Right now all we have is a body," Taplin said.

"We haven't been able to confirm sex as of yet."

Kostin, a 40-year-old from Ukraine, hasn't been heard from since picking up a fare on Gaston Road in Dartmouth at about 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 17.

Investigators fear foul play and would like to speak with two males who are believed to have been his final customers of the day.

Three days after going missing, Kostin's burned taxi was located at the end of Downey Road in North Preston.

An extensive search of the surrounding area failed to locate him, and followup searches, like yesterday's, have been taking place since his disappearance.

"To speculate if it's Sergei, we can't go down that, but we'd never rule it out," Taplin said.

An autopsy could take place later today.



Dresden Row Market in Halifax is hosting Celebrate With The Stars, a four-day event featuring workshops and public lectures for The International Year of Astronomy. Events include a discussion on the night sky tonight at 7 p.m. and a telescopes for beginners clinic Sunday at 2 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Local



## Carrots tops for gardeners

It seems growing carrots are the favourite choice for gardeners in the Maritimes. A new survey conducted by Mother Earth News magazine asked 1,000 gardeners in the Maritimes and New England what their favourite crop to grow is, and carrots came out on top. Second place went to cherry tomatoes.

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# Chicoutimi set to head west

Crippled submarine being transferred to British Columbia shipyard

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**It sat crippled in Halifax for five years, but yesterday the HMCS Chicoutimi was scheduled to bid the East Coast adieu.**

Canada bought the four Victoria-class submarines from Britain for nearly \$900 million over a decade ago.

Lt. Chris Saunders was killed Oct. 4, 2004 when the submarine suffered a fire during its maiden voyage. After the fire the Chicoutimi was towed back to Scotland before being delivered to Halifax.

In 2007, a B.C. consortium won a \$1.5-billion contract to maintain all



Military personnel prepare the HMCS Chicoutimi for its scheduled departure from Halifax yesterday. It will spend the next few weeks travelling to B.C. where a consortium of companies won the bid to maintain the country's Victoria-class submarines.

four submarines. Irving Shipyards contested the

tendering process in a lawsuit.

Several media inquiries on the Chicoutimi were

not returned by the navy this week, but Nova Scotia MP Bill Casey spoke on the issue yesterday.

"Last year I was advised that the plan to transfer this submarine was just speculation, and (yesterday) I learned that this submarine is being hoisted onto the back of a heavy-lift vessel for a highly expensive voyage to the west coast. Based on the government's options to transfer this submarine, this decision is hard to comprehend," Casey said in a statement issued yesterday.

He said he wants the government to provide a detailed explanation of how the transfer was finalized and how much it will cost.

## 'Scientists' mock harmless oil spill

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for Metro Halifax

**ENVIRONMENT** "Scientists" from the Ecology Action Centre announced diesel fuel is as harmless to marine environments as sugar at a mock press conference yesterday.

"All this fretting, all these fines, all this concern about bilge water, it kind of goes out the window. It's really a paradigm shift," admitted policy director Mark Butler.

The EAC's findings come after the Irving barge Shovel Master sank in rough seas 80 kilometres south of Yarmouth on Nov. 22, spilling 70,000 litres of fuel to the ocean floor. Last week, Environment Canada and other federal officials told Irving there's no need to pump out the diesel as a slow leak into the water

would pose no risk.

The EAC tried to duplicate the findings yesterday by slowly mixing a dark liquid labelled "diesel" with water and feeding the results to passing fish, with apparently fatal results.

"From preliminary observations, it looks like they're sleeping. They're fine," Butler assured observers as the fluffy animals stacked up.

"April Fool's is almost over and the Ecology Action Centre is really hoping that Environment Canada will tell us that their decision to allow Irving to leave the barge on the ocean floor ... was really a bad joke," Butler concluded. "If it's OK to leave 70,000 litres on the ocean floor and watch it leak out, why would a fisherman with 10 litres of diesel in a bucket on his boat worry about putting that over the side?"

## Multiple shots fired in Dartmouth gun battle

**CRIME** Shots rang out in a Dartmouth neighbourhood yesterday morning.

Several people in the Topsail Drive and Spar Crescent area called the police shortly before 10:30 a.m. to report shots being fired from one vehicle towards another. Both vehicles were driving through the area at the time.

Investigating officers found several spent casings on the street and at two residences. There were casings being gathered in the gutter of one home, and bullets hit an oil tank of another.

There were no injuries reported and the police have made no arrests. Neighbours told the media that about five shots were fired.

"It's brazen anytime there is gun fire," Const. Jeff Carr of the Halifax Regional Police said. "It's a serious crime and it's perpetrated by people who obviously have no regard for human life."

This is the second time in under a month that shots have been fired from one vehicle towards another.

On March 5, police responded to a report of gun-



Halifax Regional Police officers look for evidence after several residents in the Topsail Drive and Spar Crescent area called police to report shots being fired from one vehicle towards another yesterday morning.

shots heard on Windmill Road near the intersection with Victoria Road in Burnside.

On-scene investigators determined there were multiple shots fired from a

vehicle travelling outbound on Windmill, directed at a second vehicle also travelling outbound along Windmill.

No one was hurt in this incident either.

## 80 airport workers locked out

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**UNION** About 80 workers who service airplanes at Halifax Stanfield International Airport were locked out at noontime yesterday.

Ken Russell, general chair of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents Servisair's unionized employees, told Metro Halifax the employees were locked out because they refused a two-year wage freeze.

"The two sides have been without a contract since last June, with negotiations ongoing since November."

"These people are the lowest paid in their profession anywhere," Russell said. "These are the lowest paid in their profession anywhere," Russell said. "These are \$9- and \$10-an-hour people."

The locked-out employees work on the ramps and offer passenger service for company's like WestJet, CanJet, Sunwing and Air Transat.

Russell said company managers have been brought in from across Canada to act as the replacement workers.

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What's online today.

**Video** Pride on display as Nunavut marks its 10th anniversary at metronews.ca/canada

**Video** Halifax demonstrators dressed as fish protest a decision to leave a fuel-laden barge on the ocean floor at metronews.ca/canada

**Blogs** Quebec's language police strike the video game industry

on Ahead of the Game

**Lotteries**

Lotto 6/49: 4, 6, 24, 32, 46 & 48. Bonus 8. These results are not official.

## News in brief

**CHARGES** The woman known as the "Internet black widow," who will be released from a Florida jail shortly, will be facing charges in Pictou when she returns to Canada. Melissa Friedrich, 73, killed her husband in 1991 and was convicted in 2005 of stealing from

another man in Florida. She's due to be released from jail on Sunday and Florida officials plan to have her deported to Canada. Once she returns, she'll face fraud charges stemming from an investigation into Old Age Pension fraud by the Pictou RCMP. **METRO HALIFAX**



**Moose licence lottery applications being accepted**

Applications are being accepted for the 2009 moose licence lottery. The application period is until May 31. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Premier Rodney MacDonald speaks with reporters yesterday following a media conference at Casino Nova Scotia. MacDonald said the 2008-09 budget will be balanced.

# Lines drawn in political sand

## Premier insists budget will be balanced

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**The stare down that will likely end in a provincial election continued to escalate yesterday.**

The Progressive Conservatives want to spend more money than they're legally allowed to. To do that they will need support from at least one opposition party to change the law. But both the Liberals and New Democrats say they won't play ball.

Yesterday, Premier Rodney MacDonald insisted the province will have a balanced budget this year and next year, despite announcing \$256 million for universities the day before.

"The 2008-09 budget will be balanced. There will be a surplus, albeit a smaller surplus," said MacDonald.

"This is the most practical, most sensible and best approach for the province."

In December, the government projected a \$212-million surplus, but nearly all of that is spoken for. About half of it is offshore offset money that, by law, has to go toward paying down debt.

To stay out of deficit the Tories will need to change the law so they can spend that money. Even then they will need to pull out another \$44 million.

If either the Liberals or NDP don't support the government plan, an election would immediately be called. Yesterday, MacDonald said he hoped an

election could be avoided, and if the opposition doesn't support his party it would be hurting the province.

"Without taking measures like that you would be looking at significant cuts or significant tax increases," said MacDonald. "I hope they'll be supportive of what's in the budget because otherwise

they're suggesting you're going to have to significantly increase taxes or make significant cuts."

Opposition parties say the Tories are fudging the books to try to hide the fact they've driven the province into deficit.

This will all come to a head April 30 when the legislature reconvenes.

**"This is the most practical, most sensible and best approach for the province."**

Premier Rodney MacDonald

## Lockheed Martin invests in Halifax

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Lockheed Martin plans to build a new facility in HRM, creating 100 jobs.

The province is encouraging the expansion with a payroll rebate of up to \$1.8 million to the manufacturer through Nova Scotia Business Inc.

Lockheed Martin will build a software development facility in Highfield Park. The building will also house a technology collaboration centre.

"We could have built our

land-based test facility anywhere in Canada," said Thomas Digan, president and general manager of Lockheed Martin Canada. "(Because of) the nearness to the Canadian navy, the incentives, and the ability to hire a young, talented workforce, Nova Scotia was where we decided to go."

The company will be working out a contract from the Canadian government, signed in November, to upgrade Canadian naval command and control systems on Halifax-class frigates.

The contract would more than double the roughly 80 employees Lockheed Martin currently has working in Halifax.

Digan said the rebate helped his company choose Halifax over other areas that were vying for the jobs. Premier Rodney MacDonald was on hand at the announcement to offer his congratulations.

"Investments like the one we're making today tell the world that Nova Scotia is the right place for companies across all sectors to achieve long-term success," MacDonald said.

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Jamie Sommerville, principal horn with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and music director of the Hamilton Philharmonic, is joining Symphony Nova Scotia for performances tonight and Sunday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Tonight's show is at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday's performance at 2 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Blood services rebuilding, cutting jobs

New facility in Dartmouth to replace N.B. plant; 28 Halifax jobs lost as testing goes to Toronto

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**Canadian Blood Services has good and bad news for the HRM: A new facility will be built in Dartmouth, but 28 people in Halifax will lose their jobs.**

First the good news: The blood donation agency is currently buying land in

Burnside to build a 53,000-square-foot production and logistics facility. It's due to open by late 2011 and it's part of a \$38-million investment in Atlantic Canadian facilities.

"This is the facility where we'll take the donations people have given us at our various clinics and we break those units of blood into three components: Plasma,

platelets and red cells," said Ian Mumford, chief operating officer.

But a similar production facility in Saint John, N.B., will be shut down, moving or cutting 17 full-time jobs.

"The jobs move, the question will be what the individuals do who are in those jobs," Mumford said.

The bad news for workers in the HRM is Canadian

Blood Services will be moving its blood-testing operation in Halifax to Toronto. Twenty-eight jobs here — mostly lab technicians and assistants — will be eliminated.

The agency tests samples from each unit of blood for viruses, Mumford explained. The testing is currently done in Halifax, Toronto and Calgary.

"We're going to have to invest in new technology and new equipment for donor testing, and it makes more sense to only have to buy that equipment for two sites as opposed to three," he said.

The announcement this week was followed by another from the National Union of Public and General Employees union: A provincially appointed conciliator

has been called in to help with stalled contract talks.

The union said the issues for its Nova Scotia members include hours of work, rest periods, as well as vacation entitlement and retirement allowance.

Mumford said negotiations often reach this conciliation stage. "We're still optimistic we'll come to an agreement as we often do."

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Federal employee Muriel Hale donates blood at the Canadian Blood Services office on Gottingen Street in this file photo from 2006. The blood services agency is building a 53,000-square-foot production and logistics facility in Burnside.

## New location for donor clinic

• The blood donor clinic on Gottingen Street is moving out.

Ian Mumford, chief operating officer of Canadian Blood Services, said they're hunting for a new location in Halifax.

"It's an older building in need of repair and we don't actually own this building — it's owned by the Canadian Red Cross," he said. "We're at a point where we're saying we need more room, we

want a more modern building so that's why we've gone this way."

They haven't zeroed in on a location yet, but Mumford said visibility and plenty of free parking are requirements. He said more parking would translate into more donations.

"We know in the current location donors have trouble finding parking spaces and that can be discouraging and they say 'what's the point?'"

## Lights, cameras, action: SMU

**FILMING** A Halifax university will be the backdrop for a movie filming today.

Sony Pictures is remaking Ice Castles — a story of a figure skater whose career is cut short and revived with the aid of her hockey-playing boyfriend — and will use seven rinks throughout the HRM.

Three scenes will be filmed at Saint Mary's University tomorrow: The court-

yard outside the Student Centre, the fifth floor of the Student Centre Building and in the Alumni Arena. Shooting will start at 8 a.m. and wrap at around 11 p.m.

The studio said there is no need for students and staff to avoid the cameras as the movie is set on a campus.

The Huskies, in their own uniforms, will appear in the film too — as a rival hockey team. **METRO HALIFAX**



**Conservatives eyeball Air Canada workers' pensions**

The government is looking at the pension situation at Air Canada and will keep a watchful eye on the struggling airline, Transport Minister John Baird said yesterday. Baird told Parliament that pensions at Air Canada are federally regulated, and Ted Menzies, parliamentary secretary to Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, was looking at the issue. **REUTERS**

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# Canada



## Buyout author nets major payout

BCE Inc. paid former chief executive Michael Sabia close to \$21 million in compensation in 2008, according to a regulatory filing yesterday by Canada's biggest telecom company. Sabia, who left BCE after helping orchestrate its ultimately doomed \$34.8 billion buyout, is the new head of the powerful Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Canada's largest pension fund manager. **REUTERS**

## Recession could go longer, bank says

**ECONOMY** Canada's recession could extend through the second half of this year, the Bank of Canada said yesterday, backing away from an earlier forecast that growth would return in the third quarter.

Even though the economy contracted at perhaps its sharpest rate on record in the first quarter, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said in a speech there was no guarantee he would use additional tools at his disposal, including rate cuts or unconventional measures, to stimulate the economy as the central bank's benchmark interest rate approaches zero. He hinted that the bank could introduce additional stimulus simply by holding down rates, now at 0.5 percent, for an extended period of time. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**DRUGS** Canadian legislation intended to send cheap medication to poor countries fighting health epidemics may take on new life thanks to a Liberal senator from Montreal. Senator Yoine Goldstein introduced a bill on Monday to streamline the process generic drug makers undertake in order to manufacture life-saving medications from drugs under patent. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Big bust for Hogtown cops

More than 1,000 officers involved in morning raid on Toronto gangs

**At least 125 people were arrested in pre-dawn raids yesterday in what Canadian police described as the largest-ever such operation against guns and gang crime in Ontario.**

More than 1,000 officers were involved in the raids in the Toronto area that "targeted a high level of organized crime," Toronto police said. They also

### Violence on rise

• Canada has seen an increase in gang-related violence in Toronto and Vancouver in recent years. The federal government said in February it would toughen sentences for gang-related crimes.

seized more than 40 firearms, cocaine, marijuana and other drugs.

The investigation looked into violent crimes dating as far back as 2003, according to investigators, who said the charges include attempted murder, conspiracy and trafficking in weapons and drugs.

The arrests primarily targeted two gangs, the MNE and 400 Crew, who are based in southern and eastern Toronto, but involved

crimes in several communities in the area, police said.

Forty-six of the people charged were members of the two gangs, but police said the arrests also included several people responsible for the distribution of guns and drugs to gangs throughout the Toronto area.

Police said more arrests were possible. **REUTERS**

## Ottawa denies CSIS admission

**TORTURE** The Conservative government moved quickly yesterday to deny testimony by a CSIS official who said the spy agency still uses information that may have been obtained by torture "if lives are at stake." Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan said Geoffrey O'Brien, adviser on CSIS operations and legislation, wrongly stated the policy and practice of the government and its spy agency. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Edmonton Crazy train



Gobana Res, left, and Rayanna Wowchuk enjoy a ride at Galaxyland yesterday afternoon during Spring Break in Edmonton.

## Tories take third shot at long-gun registry

**POLITICS** The federal Conservative government is making its third bid to bring in a law to abolish the national long-gun registry.

The bill, which the government said is identical to the last two legislative attempts, was tabled in the Senate, where the Liberals hold a majority.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's spokesperson, Kory Teneycke, said the bill meets a longstanding platform commitment, and was sent to the Liberal-dominated Senate first because it could get hung up in that chamber longer.

But the Senate has few government bills to deal with right now, and debate could move more quickly.

In reality, the move puts pressure on Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, who has been courting rural voters

### Amnesty

• Since spring 2006, funds and information for the registry have been choked off by the Conservatives' decision to grant yearly amnesties and fee rebates to the owners of rifles and shotguns. The latest amnesty runs until next month.

across Canada, to make clear his views on gun control.

"For rural Canada, this is a referendum on whether people understand the realities of rural life," said Teneycke. "In urban areas it gets bundled into gangs and gun control. We obviously see the issues of urban gun crime as very important."

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# World



## Young vegetarians at risk

Young vegetarians consuming plenty of fruits and vegetables are eating a healthy diet but they may also have an increased risk of binge eating and other unusual behaviours, researchers said. They found that about 20 to 25 per cent of current and former vegetarians in their study displayed unhealthy weight-control behaviours such as taking diet pills, vomiting, using laxatives and diuretics and binge eating. REUTERS

## Police, protesters clash

63 arrested after demonstrations against G20 in London

British police clashed with protesters outside the Bank of England in the heart of London's financial centre yesterday during a day of demonstrations against the G20 summit.

Riot police staged baton charges to try to disperse several hundred people protesting against a financial system they said had robbed the poor to benefit the rich. At one stage, about 4,000 protesters had thronged outside the central bank.

Demonstrators attacked a nearby branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland, shattering three windows. Rescued by the government in October, RBS and former boss Fred Goodwin,



A demonstrator scuffles with police during protests outside the Bank of England in London yesterday.

who refused to give up a pension award worth \$1 million US, became lightning rods for public anger in Britain over banker ex-

cess blamed for the crisis. The protests were timed to coincide with a G20 meeting of the world's leading economies.

### Death

- A man died after collapsing during the protests, likely from a medical condition, a police source said.

Protesters hurled paint bombs and bottles, chanting: "Our streets! Our banks!"

As dusk fell, police charged against a core of anti-capitalist demonstrators to disperse them before nightfall. Bottles flew through the air towards police lines and police on horseback stood by ready to intervene.

Police said 63 protesters had been arrested by late evening. REUTERS

## Computer virus could still strike: Researchers

**INFECTION** Malicious software installed on millions of computers has yet to wreak havoc on technology systems worldwide as some fear, but researchers warned that the Conficker worm could still strike in the future.

Conficker turns infected PCs into slaves that respond to commands sent from a remote server that effectively controls an army of slave computers.

Researchers feared that the network created by Conficker might be de-

ployed yesterday for the first time. They formed an industry-wide task force to fight the worm, bringing widespread attention that experts said probably scared off the criminals who command the army of slave computers, known as a botnet.

Researchers warned that the botnet's commanders are probably waiting until they are under less scrutiny before they mobilize the network of infected computers. REUTERS

### News in brief

**TALIBAN** U.S. officials are studying whether a Pakistani Taliban leader poses a credible threat to the United States, a military official said yesterday.

**MEXICO** Tourism officials concerned about drug violence in Mexico have launched a campaign to convince visitors the country is safe. REUTERS



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**Marijuana shown to reduce cancer growth**

The active ingredient in marijuana appears to reduce tumour growth, according to a Spanish study published yesterday. The researchers showed giving THC to mice with cancer decreased tumour growth and killed cells off. **REUTERS**

# Tough new rules for bailed-out firms

## U.S. House approves legislation to limit pay at companies that took government cash

**The House yesterday approved legislation to curb "excessive" employee pay at financial firms that receive government bailout funds, a measure that could supplant an earlier effort to heavily tax executive bonuses.**

The bill, which passed on a 247-171 vote, would give the U.S. Treasury broad powers to prohibit

"unreasonable and excessive" compensation and bonuses that are not based on performance standards.

The new curbs would apply to all employees, not just executives, of firms that have received capital investments from the Treasury's \$700 billion financial rescue fund.

The standards also would cover compensation

paid to an employee after leaving a firm or before joining it.

The "Pay for Performance Act of 2009" is among a number of efforts by Congress to claw back bonuses and curb pay in the wake of public anger over recent executive bonuses at insurer American International Group, which has received a

### Bonus backlash

- The bill passed yesterday and the bonus tax bill approved two weeks ago are part of a legislative backlash sparked by AIG's March 15 payment of \$165 million US in

retention bonuses to employees of its AIG Financial Products unit, which made bad bets on credit default swaps and complex mortgage-backed securities.

bailout worth up to \$180 billion.

"The Pay for Performance Act is based on two

simple concepts. One, no one has the right to get

rich off taxpayer money, and two, no one should get rich off object failure," said one of the bill's authors, Representative Alan Grayson, a Florida Democrat.

"We should not pay an arsonist to put out his own fire, and we should not be paying an executive to ruin his own bank."

**REUTERS**

## Israel says deal 'has no validity'

**NEGOTIATIONS** Israel's new foreign minister angered Palestinians and raised the prospect of tension with Washington by saying yesterday that Israel was not bound by a deal to start negotiations on establishing a Palestinian state.

On his first day at the Foreign Ministry, right-winger Avigdor Lieberman said the U.S.-sponsored Annapolis declaration of 2007 "has no validity," confirming a shift in stance toward the Palestinians under new Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Lieberman, a Soviet immigrant denounced as a racist by many Arabs, did stress however that Israel was obliged to follow the course charted by a U.S.-backed peace "road map" of 2003. That obliges Palestinian leaders to curb attacks on Israel before any negotiations on the final shape of a statehood deal take place.

Lieberman was effectively confirming that Netanyahu's new administration has withdrawn from its predecessors' commitment to negotiate on borders and issues like the status of Jerusalem before the two sides are satisfied road map pledges are met.

### Annapolis

- At a conference in November 2007 hosted at Annapolis, Md., by U.S. President George W. Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert agreed to further "the goal of two states" in immediate negotiations with the Palestinians

That could push negotiations on statehood deep into the future.

A spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said Lieberman's comments threatened regional stability and urged the United States to come out and make its opposition clear.

U.S. President Barack Obama reaffirmed only last week his commitment to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

A spokesman with Obama in London said: "We are committed to working vigorously for this two-state solution." **REUTERS**

## Anger over Chinese glass

**NEW YORK** Activists objected yesterday to reports that the glass surface of the skyscraper set to replace the World Trade Center destroyed in the Sept. 11 attacks will be made in China by a Chinese company.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which is building the 1,776-foot skyscraper, has awarded an \$82-million US contract to DCM Erectors Inc/Solera Construction, a New York City-based company that will subcontract the glass fabrication to Beijing Glass, a Chinese company. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**RUSSIA** A Russian human rights activist and prominent government critic since the communist era has been badly beaten in Moscow in an attack he says was revenge for his work. Lev Ponomarev, leader of the For Human Rights group, was attacked outside his Moscow home on Tuesday night.

**AIG PROBE** The chairman of a U.S. House oversight panel yesterday said he will soon call the chief executive of American International Group Inc to testify, amid the committee's ongoing probe of the fall of the insurance giant. **REUTERS**

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# Comment & Views

## Comment

### Less money, more love?

#### Relating

Steve Collins

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Some media reports suggest rotten economic conditions are creating a bull market for romance.

The claims are reminiscent of those dubious old theories of hemlines rising and falling with the economy, plus a little pop psychology about looking for security in insecure times and how a slowdown inspires consideration of things more important than money.

It sounds plausible enough. When one has been laid off, perhaps there is a little more time to devote to getting laid. And well might one, in uncer-

tain times, grow more susceptible to the charms of someone to share one's life — and split the rent.

The evidence cited, though, is a little less than convincing.

**Exhibit A:** Since the economy began to tank, online dating sites have reported a spike in business. These, of course, are merely people who are looking for someone else, not necessarily finding them.

It could be equally true that the stampede of new singles on the market is a sign of a whole lot of dumping going on. The unemployed may have all sorts of time to update their Lavalife profile, but they are seldom at their most confident and attractive. (I write from couch-bound, self-

#### On the web

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pitizing experience.)

**Exhibit B:** Adult toy shops are also touting a surge in business, the implication being that couples are cutting their entertainment expenses and staying in for cheap thrills. But a hefty proportion of their wares, it must be noted, are perfectly serviceable in a do-it-yourself context. No compelling indication of a recession-driven stampede of romantic mergers here, either.

Money is often cited as one of the worst sources of tension in a relationship, and it goes all the way to the

top. Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and his wife, Ontario MPP Christine Elliott, last week found themselves on opposite sides of the harmonized sales tax debate in Ontario. Ms. Elliott stated that despite the disagreement, they would remain married. The Minister has expressed relief.

But if money is the root of your relationship-rocking squabbles, less money is hardly a solution. Ironically, though, there are some signs that divorces are down, as couples who might otherwise bail eye the potential legal bills and decide to hang in for now.

So are we getting more with less? The signs are inconclusive, and economists do a bad enough job of predicting our behaviour with money, let alone love and money. Do you feel lucky?

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.



## Quote of the Day

**"This is a referendum on whether people understand the realities of rural life."**

— Prime Minister Stephen Harper's spokesperson, Kory Teneycke, speaking yesterday about the Conservative bill introduced to abolish Canada's long-gun registry. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Views

### Afghan law about power, not culture



Mona Eltahawy

Global View

I thought I was used to seeing politicians bargain with each other. A few concessions here and there to influential voting blocs are part of the elections game.

But Afghan President Hamid Karzai — the "liberal" darling of the international community — surely wins that game by throwing women's rights like bargaining chips at the feet of religious conservatives he's courting for Afghanistan's August presidential election.

In February, he signed a new law that, according to United Nations organizations, legalizes rape within marriage and bars women from leaving their homes without permission from

their husbands.

Déjà vu, anyone? Senator Humaira Namati, a member of the Afghan parliament, told a British paper the law was "worse than during the Taliban," which denied women basic rights such as education when it ruled Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001.

News of the new law broke at an international conference for Afghanistan being held at The Hague. The reports offer both a fortuitous chance to embarrass Karzai for so cheaply selling out women, and a test for the 72 countries and organizations gathered at The Hague on how willing they are to defend Afghan women.

Since the Taliban's ouster, much has improved for Afghan women. Millions of girls now attend school and women have a 25 per cent quota in parliament. In

March, a female lawmaker, Shalah Attah, said she would run for president in August polls.

So what was Karzai thinking?

Despite the re-emergence of the Taliban, the law has less to do with its misogyny and more with Karzai's election manoeuvring.

If it wasn't enough that millions of Afghan women still face violence at the hands of the Taliban, they now have to watch a president who claimed to be an ally bargain away their rights.

The law covers members of Afghanistan's Shia minority, who account for about 10 per cent of the population, and was backed by the influential Shia clerics and parties who are objects of the increasingly unpopular Karzai's affection.

Although the Afghan constitution allows Shia to have

a separate family law, that same constitution and international treaties signed by Afghanistan promise women equal rights.

Afghan women parliamentarians and activists have condemned the law and said they're worried another law being drafted for the country's majority Sunni women will be equally harsh.

The international community has a perfect opportunity to corner Karzai at The Hague, but it must remain silent out of misguided cultural relativism that shortchanges women.

Afghanistan's new law has nothing to do with culture or religion and everything to do with power and politics.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.

## Worth mentioning

### Stem cells may offer deafness cure

**HEALTH** Stem cells may help deaf people hear again, according to early stage research by British scientists.

A team at the University of Sheffield said they had discovered how to turn stem cells into ones that behave like sensory hair cells or auditory neurons, which could then be surgically inserted into the ear to restore lost hearing.

Lead researcher Marcelo Rivolta said the approach, which is being tested on animals, holds significant potential, but is a long way from being offered to

patients.

"It will take several years before we are in a position to start doing human trials," he said in a telephone interview.

The cells in the ear that detect sound are created only in the womb, which means there is no way to repair them once they have been damaged, resulting in permanent hearing loss.

Using stem cells — master cells that produce all the body's tissues and organs — to generate these cell types in the laboratory could change that dramatically.

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**Audit questions safety of airport water**


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**In brief**

**LUMBER** Canada will pay the United States nearly \$50 million for breaching a trade agreement covering softwood lumber exports, rather than impose a surcharge on exports from four provinces, Trade Minister Stockwell Day said.

**TUNNEL** Canadian Pacific Railway is selling 67 per cent of its stake in the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel crossing to Borealis Infrastructure Management for \$132 million, the railway announced yesterday. The tunnel is reportedly the busiest rail and truck crossing in the world, CBC News Online says.

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## BlackBerry gets an online store

**Research In Motion has launched an online store selling entertainment, games, news and travel applications to its BlackBerry users.**

RIM said yesterday its online store was immediately available to BlackBerry owners in Britain, Canada and the United States.

Unlike the iPhone application store of rival Apple Inc., which offers 70 per cent of revenue from each

piece of software to the developer, RIM plans to offer 80 per cent. The rest of the revenue will be shared between RIM and wireless carriers, co-chief executive Jim Balsillie said.

Ontario-based RIM has pushed aggressively to diversify its user base beyond executives, lawyers, politicians and other professionals who use BlackBerrys to send wireless e-mail.

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## China Alert to growth needs



A worker naps yesterday at the construction site of Wuhan North Railway Marshalling Station in China's Hubei province. Calling confidence "more important than gold or money," Premier Wen Jiabao effectively guaranteed that Beijing will do whatever it takes to maintain growth at an acceptable pace.

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**NASCAR driver at IWK 250**

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**sports 11**

# Nova Scotians earn Q honours

Danny Flynn coach of the year, Ben Duffy picked for all-rookie team

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**Dartmouth's Danny Flynn and Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy shared a portion of the spotlight at the QMJHL's Golden Puck awards gala last night in Montreal.**

Flynn, in his second year behind the bench with the Moncton Wildcats, claimed the Ron Lapointe Trophy as coach of the year, while Duffy, a freshman centre with the P.E.I. Rocket, earned a spot on the league's all-rookie team.

The 51-year-old Flynn transformed the Wildcats from a last-place team to a contender that posted the lowest team goals-against average (2.16) in league history. The Wildcats cruised to a third-overall finish with a 48-14-2-4 record.

Duffy, selected fifth overall in last summer's QMJHL draft, was the top 16-year-old point producer in the league, finishing with 18

goals among 41 points in 62 games.

"He showed us tremendous hockey sense and vision," said Rocket general manager Serge Savard Jr. "He's a guy that's gonna put up a ton of points in the future in the Q."

Duffy fell short of two awards: the RDS Cup for top rookie and the Michel Bergeron Trophy for top offensive rookie. Those awards went to a pair of 18-year-olds from Russia.

Defenceman Dmitry Kulikov of the Drummondville Voltigeurs won the RDS Cup — in addition to the league's top defence-man award — while forward Dmitri Kugrishev of the Quebec Remparts took home the Michel Bergeron Trophy.

Kulikov posted 62 points, while Kugrishev potted 34 goals.

"It's too bad for a young kid coming in at 16 to battle a young man who's 18 (for rookie awards)," Savard said.



Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy earned a spot on the QMJHL's all-rookie team, after notching 18 goals and 41 points in 52 games with the P.E.I. Rocket as a 16-year-old.

"But that's how our system works. It's quite an honour for (Duffy) just to be nominated at age 16 and

it's a big win for him."

Wildcats stopper Nicola Riopel claimed the Michel Brier Trophy as most valu-

able player, the Jacques Plante Trophy as top goaltender, and a spot on the first all-star team.

## Basketball star chooses Canada

**UNIVERSITY** Justine Colley has decided to eschew the lure of NCAA Division I women's basketball to stay in Canada.

The Halifax Grammar Gryphons' high school standout said this week she is trying to sift through offers from numerous Canadian universities, including Dalhousie and Saint Mary's.

"I'm still trying to figure out my decision," she said. "I haven't weighed all the options yet. It's a tough decision."

Colley, a five-foot-nine, Grade 12 guard, is a member of the Canadian under-19 team that will compete at this summer's FIBA world women's championship in Bangkok.

**MATTHEW WUEST/  
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## Sports in brief

**HOCKEY** Former Dalhousie Tigers star Jordan Morrison has been named to the East Coast Hockey League's all-rookie team. The Stockton Thunder forward is eighth in ECHL scoring with 24 goals and 47 assists for 71 points in 60 games.

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#### The scene

In the 18th century, the designers of the day were quite literally digging up inspiration. The rage for everything neoclassical was ignited by archaeological finds at Pompeii and Herculaneum, creating an insatiable demand for decorative objects depicting ancient Greek, Roman and Egyptian figures and motifs. In an attempt to mimic basalt — a stone used in Egyptian statuary — a number of potters in Staffordshire, England, had begun making crude black earthenware vases and tableware known as Egyptian Black.

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## Keeping animals out of cottage

### DisasterDIY

**Bryan Baemler**

HGTV host

Bryan Baemler is host of **DisasterDIY: Cottage Edition**. New episodes begin airing tonight at 9 p.m. on HGTV. Metro will be bringing you previews of the DIY projects Bryan takes on every Thursday.

On tonight's episode, my crew and I spent a week

with Deb and Chris at their cottage near the shores of Georgian Bay.

Like many families, they spend their weekends there with the kids having bonfires, roasting marshmallows, playing games, and spending time at the beach. Unfortunately, their cottage is in need of some TLC and they share it with bugs, bats, bees, raccoons, and even a frog!

Balancing work and play on the weekends is a challenge, especially if you're not skilled and experienced with the task at hand.

Animals are smarter, and can be more destructive, than you think — lattice won't keep a raccoon from taking up residence under or inside your cottage. I helped Chris install galvanized steel mesh around the perimeter of the cottage, being sure to trench at least 6-inches and securely fasten it to the framing to discourage animals from squeezing under or over the barrier.

Watch the show tonight to find out the rest.

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If you and your spouse are arguing about decor, keep in mind that those differences initially drew you two together, Metro columnist Sylvia Putz says.

# Combining his and her decor

Remember that old saying that opposites attract? Well, if you and your spouse are arguing about decor, keep in mind that those differences initially drew the two of you lovebirds together.

And it can again. It is true that the honeymoon does eventually end, but when it comes to decor, the golden rule is compromise and finding common ground. Just think, the two of you are such interesting people, and your combined tastes could make for an eclectic and absolutely fascinating decor that reflects the both of you, and your time together.

Of course, I have friends who tell me their husbands don't care about decor so they decorate as they wish (within certain financial parameters, of course). And I recently met a woman who tells me that she is perfectly content to let her husband make the design decisions because he enjoys it, and anyway, she likes his taste in design. That certainly makes the decisions easy and minimizes the potential for conflict.

But my feeling is, why lose out on the opportunity to decorate in a way that satisfies both partners, that shows them off as unique and special individuals who have come together as a couple? There's just so much potential there, even if the process is sometimes difficult.

Here are some ideas to help mix his and her styles without undue stress for

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those of us who sometimes do have differences in style preferences.

First of all, be patient. Rome was not built in a day and neither is your decor a thing that springs up overnight, especially when it comes to knitting together the style of two people who are not similar in many ways. The process will involve taking the time together to think, research and narrow down choices.

If you're doing renovations or rebuilding, think about and write down everything each of you might want in an ideal world. This is a great place to start; from here you can narrow down your ideas, keeping equality firmly in mind so both partners get an equal opportunity to choose. This could relate to a room or the whole house, whether it be a spa in the bathroom, or a den or "rec" room with a huge television screen.

As for colours and finishes and accessories, go through a stack of decor magazines together. You will find decor ideas, as well as products that you might not have been aware of. You may even find a picture that shows you a room that you both love, one that you might even want to repro-

duce entirely or partially.

Compare the things that you like, and you will notice differences but also similarities. The similarities are gold, for now you know you can safely go further with these trends or choices that you have in common. But discuss differences with your mind open to compromise. There may be things you can't stand, and your spouse will likely have some of the same issues. Try bargaining. For example, you can offer to stay away from a particular design trend that he hates if he stays away from a look that you abhor. Or you might discuss colour choices or functional alternatives that both parties find acceptable.

Often you can combine or mix items quite successfully, some of her favourites and some of his. Just make sure the colour scheme ties all the furniture and decor items together.

Balance is also important. If the room seems too feminine with light colours, delicate furniture, and flowery fabrics, for example, introduce some more masculine elements such as dark colours and simple, streamlined shapes. Or just keep the decor more general, and stay away from items that look too gender-specific.

Finally, if you still have trouble reaching a middle ground, consider hiring a professional decorator. And, don't forget, always keep your receipts.

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## Easy, cheesy and lazy lasagna

### À la carte

**Barb Holland**

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Statistics tell us that when it comes to what's really cooking in the kitchen, most of us have 10 to 15 recipes in our repertoire and rotate them ad nauseum. While this research may infer there is boredom in the kitchen, there's more to it than meets the frypan.

For one, this stat is "seasonally adjusted"; we serve up warm comfort food in winter, and prefer lighter fare, often grilling recipes in warm weather.

Finding recipes all the family will enjoy is one challenge, what with individual preferences, down-right fussy eaters, vegetarian teens, and yes, let's not forget healthy and tasty. Then there is the issue of time — or rather the lack

of it. According to those same statisticians, the average time spent preparing and cooking dinner is 30 minutes or less.

Organizational specialists suggest stocking the pantry and the freezer with a hoarding mentality. The reality is, you'll likely end up staring at shelves bulging with packages of rice, pasta and beans, or frozen hunks of meat, often in a Zen-like trance after a wild day at the office. While you may wish you had Captain Picard and his replicator to "make it so," what's needed are some short-order supper survival recipes with few ingredients and minimal time and effort.

Here's one of my supper survival recipes.

### Ever So Easy Lasagna

No need to cook the noodles. If you keep jars of pesto, sauce, tomatoes and noodles in the pantry and grated cheese in the freezer, the only thing to pick up is ricotta cheese. Serve with a vegetable sidedish



There's no need to pre-cook the noodles in this recipe.

or salad and crusty bread. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 - 19 oz (540 mL) can stewed or pasta tomatoes
- 1 cup (250 mL) pasta or spaghetti sauce
- 6 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1 - 500 g container ricotta cheese
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) pesto
- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) freshly grated Parmesan cheese

### METHOD:

Combine tomatoes and sauce; spread one-third of mixture in 11 x 7 x 2 inch (2 L) glass microwaveable dish. Arrange three noodles over the sauce. Combine ricotta cheese and pesto; spread noodles with half the ricotta mixture. Top with another third of sauce.

Repeat with remaining three noodles, remaining ricotta mixture and sauce.

Cover with microwave plastic wrap, turning back

one edge to vent. Microwave at High 10 minutes, rotate dish, and reduce to Medium (50 per cent) and cook for 10 minutes or until noodles are tender when pierced with a knife.

Sprinkle with cheeses, recover and let stand 10 minutes (this helps the noodles absorb liquid and the cheese melt).

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

### Liquid Assets

**Peter Rockwell**

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### Kiwi quaff

For me, the most pleasant surprise of the last few years has been the rise of New Zealand as an internationally respected producer of quality wines.

Maybe it's my affinity for the underdog or possibly the hope that if the Kiwis can steal the spotlight then someday so can we Canucks.

Better known as the backdrop for the Lord Of The Rings flicks, New Zealand would seem the least likely country to spin the wine world right round. Stranger still is that in a red wine market they were able to do it with premium-priced whites made with the Sauvignon Blanc grape.

It all comes back to the aforementioned quality and personalities like **Kim Crawford** whose 2007 Sauvignon Blanc (\$19.95 - \$21.99) is a crazy good crowd pleaser with zesty lemon/lime flavours and a refreshingly tropical finish.

The gang at Coopers Creek inject a bit of humour into their 2007 Cat's Pee on a Gooseberry Bush Sauvignon Blanc (\$13.55 - \$17.83) to balance out its namesake aromas (gooseberries often smell like kitty you-know-what) and soft, citrusy personality.

Both have great dining room versatility: Try with a big plate of oysters, any white meat, creamy pasta sauces or simply all by their lonesome.

*Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.*



Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

## East meets West in Everyday Indian cookbook

In her new book, **Everyday Indian: 100 Fast, Fresh, and Healthy Recipes**, Bal Arneson introduces healthy, easy and delicious recipes that showcase the mouth-watering flavours of India.

Her cooking style is rooted in a small village in Punjab, Northern India, where she was raised. Equipped with the knowledge imparted to her by her mother and elders, Bal has creat-

ed contemporary Indian recipes that use easily accessible ingredients, and can be prepared by any home cook. Metro got a hold of this recipe from the book:

### Tandoori Quesadillas

Every time I ate a Mexican enchilada I always wondered how it would taste if I filled it with tandoori chicken. So I went to the ethnic aisle of a local grocery store and bought myself a nice jar of tandoori paste, came home, tried this recipe, and loved it. So far, anyone who has tried these has absolutely loved them. Brad keeps hinting that he'll make this finger food himself and serve it with cold beer. I am still waiting for that day. Makes 18 pieces.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) grapeseed oil
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated garlic
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- ¼ cup (60 mL) tandoori paste
- 1 lb (450 g) boneless, skinless chicken breast cut into small bite-sized pieces
- ½ cup (120 mL) low-fat plain yogurt
- 6 large whole wheat tortillas
- ¾ cup (180 mL) grated mozzarella cheese

### METHOD:

Place the oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat and sauté the onion, garlic, and ginger for 3 minutes. Add the tandoori paste and cook for 1 minute. Add the chicken and cook until it's almost cooked through, about 8 minutes. Add the yogurt and cook until the chicken is completely cooked through, another 2 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Place one tortilla on a baking sheet and spread one-third of the chicken mixture on it, spreading it evenly over the entire tortilla. Sprinkle ¼ cup of the mozzarella cheese overtop and cover with another



Tandoori Quesadillas from the book **Everyday Indian** by Bal Arneson.

tortilla. Repeat with the remaining ingredients. Bake until the cheese is melted, about 3 to 5 minutes.

Cut into 6 wedges with a

pizza cutter and serve with any of my chutneys (recipes available in the book, pages 28 to 35).

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**Vintage has new appeal**

A not-so-new fashion trend is sweeping many parts of Australia, where thousands of people are flocking to vintage fairs to pick up unique, and inexpensive, apparel during the economic slowdown. **REUTERS**

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# Style



## Yoga-inspired jewelry

Looking for a way to combine your love of yoga and fashionable jewelry? Try the Om Jewels line created by certified yoga instructor Dina Vieira. It features pendants in silver, gold and birthstone collections, all including the two powerful symbols of om and lotus. A best seller is the silver lotus pendant, left, \$110. Om Jewels are available across Canada, and can be purchased online at [omjewels.com](http://omjewels.com).

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# Get your yellow on

Celebrate this season's colour with sunny accessories

## SunnySide

**Here comes the sun. Little darlin' — it's been a long, cold, lonely winter.**

And while the weather forecaster can't predict what the next few weeks will bring, colour forecasters are declaring there will be bright skies and warm afternoons.

Mimosa — think Provence as painted by Van Gogh — is the hottest colour for spring, say the execs at the Pantone Color Institute.

Bright sunny yellow clothing, accessories, home décor and even bath products are lighting up shelves and racks right now.

"From a retailing standpoint, it has the highest visibility and in a sluggish economy that is a good thing. It means sunlight and good cheers, that's what we are drawn to," says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Institute.

The popularity of yellow is no accident.

Pantone, the company that considers itself a global authority on colour, announced late last year that they selected Mimosa, the sunny colour of that champagne and orange juice cocktail, or to be exact, Pantone 14-0848, as the colour of 2009. They declared, "That in a time of economic uncertainty and political change, optimism is paramount and no other colour expresses hope and reassurance more than yellow."

And U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama, now considered a fashion icon, was on trend when she radiated a warm and fuzzy glow on inauguration day by wearing a sunny Isabel Toledo-designed Swiss wool lace ensemble.

As the designer told the New York Times, "I wanted to pick a very optimistic colour that had sunshine. I wanted her to feel

charmed, and in that way would charm everybody else."

Despite the yellow fever, some will not warm to the colour.

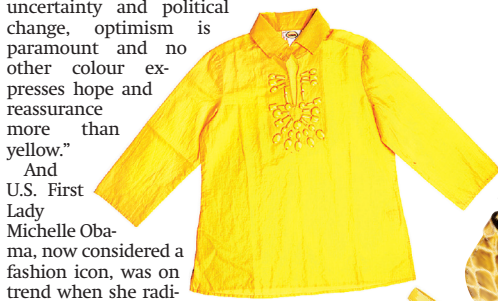
"A lot of women shy away from it — it's a difficult colour to wear so it's crucial to find the right shade," says Robin Keeler, fashion director at Yorkdale Mall in Toronto, Ont. "I always say, there is good reason why yellow is used in caution and warning signs!"

There are simple rules, says Keeler. One of the general rules is to go by hair colour. Dark-haired women look best in the yellow hues that are vivid. Blonds and light browns suit the softer, more muted shades and redheads should opt for gold or honey hues.

Keeler does note, however, that almost anyone can wear a single accessory, like a bag, shoe or bracelet. "It's like a jolt — it brings newness and freshness to a look."

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## Williamson for H&M

**NEW COLLECTION** British fashion designer Matthew Williamson, known for his colorful prints and graphics, brings his trademark bohemian prints to H&M stores worldwide on April 23. His capsule collection for the brand will hit 200 stores. We're predicting this maxi dress (pictured right), which will look good on pretty much anyone, will be the first to sell out.

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Matthew Williamson dress for H&M.

## In brief

**TREND** Canada's own Yoga Jeans brand is going global. Come fall, the only jeans that promise to never expose butt crack, no matter how deep you bend, will be available in the U.S. and Europe. The Montreal-based company recently bought a new factory in Quebec that will allow it to quadruple production and expand distribution, says Eric Wazana of Second Clothing. An additional 50,000 pairs will be ready to sell in September.

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## FlareFashion

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Bart Simpson and the rest of his fun and dysfunctional family will be paid tribute by the U.S. Postal Service, which is rolling out five 44-cent stamps in honor of primetime's longest-running comedy's 2009 20th anniversary. **PEOPLE.COM**

# Entertainment

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## Best dressed

Mark Ronson has been voted Britain's best dressed man in a poll by GQ magazine. He beat out Guy Ritchie and Tom Ford to the title as they took second and third place. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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# Quiet Nights with Diana Krall

## Diana Krall

**Album:** Quiet Nights  
**Label:** Verve/Universal  
**Rating:** ●●●●

**DIANA KRALL'S NO-BLE** attempt to test the waters as a songwriter (with the help of hubby Elvis Costello) was welcomed by her fans with all the warmth of broken wind on a long-haul elevator ride. It seems the fans would rather have her seductively request a peeled grape than explore the outer edges of her art. So here we have it, more gentle bossanovas and peeled grapes. And why not? It's impossible to get enough of the way Krall and her band play these



lovely gems from the '50s and '60s. Only the best known writers are represented — Rogers and Hart (Where Or When), Mercer and Whiting (Too Marvelous For Words); Hal David and Burt Bacharach (Walk On By) and of course, Antonio Carlos Jobim (The Boy From Impanema).

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

## Peter Doherty

**Album:** Grace/Wasteland  
**Label:** EMI  
**Rating:** ●●●½

**IT'S AMAZING** Doherty can pick up a guitar considering how drugged he always seems to be, but when he does he



Diana Krall is at her seductive best playing gems from the '50s and '60s on latest album Quiet Nights.

makes great music. His debut solo album is easily the troubled artist's best work. Gone are the middling Clash-like sounds of the Libertines, instead Kate Moss'

ex churns out a heartfelt collection of varied acoustic tracks. There's blues (Arcadie), jangly rock (Last of the English), and even old-timey jazz on Sweet By and

By. Let's hope this new, more mature sound is a permanent thing for Doherty, because he's finally getting his act together.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

## Thunderheist

**Album:** Thunderheist  
**Label:** Big Dada/Outside  
**Rating:** ●●●●

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### DANCE DUO

Thunderheist has been building a steady following for months, but it's this debut full-length that will make them or force them back to the drawing board. The self-titled album will likely do the former, though they still have work to do if they



## MusicReviews

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really want to make it big on the international club scene. The disc is loaded with infectious '90s electro sounds, monotone hip-hop lyrics and some fantastic beats. The problem, however, is that it's too repetitive; by the mid-way point fans will start to lose focus. Still, these two have tons of talent.

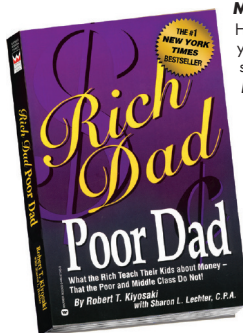
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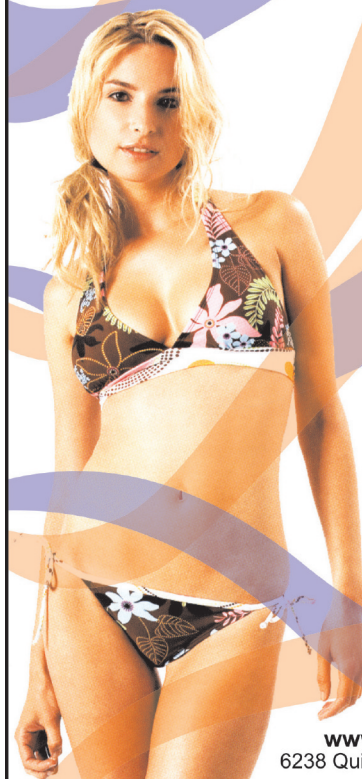
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## Star Trek sequel in the works

A Star Trek movie sequel has been confirmed by Paramount Pictures — a month before the first is released in cinemas. J. J. Abrams has not yet confirmed if he will be on board as the director of the second instalment. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

# Busy Franco turns down major offer

**PEOPLE** James Franco is so much in demand that the actor is reluctantly saying no to some of the biggest movie projects in town.

Franco is in final negotiations to star opposite Danny McBride in *Your Highness*, a comedy for Universal that David Gordon Green is shooting in the summer in Northern Ireland.

He also was in talks to join Leonardo DiCaprio in Warner Bros.' *Inception*, a sci-fi thriller from Dark Knight writer-director Christopher Nolan. But on Tuesday, it became evident that the timetable would not work out because *Inception* also is scheduled to shoot in the summer.

Franco has an offer as well for a role opposite Julia Roberts in *Eat Pray Love*, a drama at Columbia, though it's unclear how that project would fit into his schedule.

On *Highness*, Franco would reteam with his co-star and director of *Pineapple Express*, last year's action comedy that grossed \$87 million. *Highness*,



Franco

written by Ben Best and McBride, centres on an arrogant, lazy prince (McBride) who must complete a

quest to save his father's kingdom.

Franco would play McBride's more heroic brother, who joins the prince on the quest.

However his to-do list shakes out, Franco is on a hot streak, in sharp contrast to where he stood just a few years ago. Although he drew good notices for his work in the Spider-Man movies, such films as *Annapolis*, *Flyboys* and *In the Valley of Elah* did not get traction with audiences or critics.

Things changed in the summer with *Pineapple Express*, which paired Franco with Seth Rogen and McBride and earned him a Golden Globe nomination. In the fall, he co-starred in the awards favorite *Milk*. **REUTERS**

# ER drawing last breath

Groundbreaking drama bids farewell after 15-year run

**Groundbreaking hospital drama ER draws its last breath this week after 15 years of blood, sweat and tears that changed storytelling on U.S. television and put fictional County General Hospital on the world's stage.**

Tonight's two-hour season finale on the NBC network, preceded by a retrospective special, brings to an end a drama series that nearly never got made, yet boosted the careers of stars including George Clooney and won 22 Emmy awards, U.S. television's top honour.

But just as the fast-paced ER episodes over the years left many stories unresolved, viewers should not expect a neat ending or grand emotional farewell with many former stars appearing on the final show.

Clooney, who left the show in 1999, and other ER alumni including Julianna Margulies, Anthony Edwards, Eriq La Salle and Noah Wyle appeared earlier in this 15th and final season.

"We've spread them out



Former ER actor Noah Wyle attends the popular NBC show's recent finale party in Hollywood.

over the season," Executive Producer John Wells, who wrote the finale, told *Entertainment Weekly* magazine. "I didn't want to do something like somebody dies, or there is a celebration, or the hospital closes, so that's why everybody comes back (during the season). I wanted it to be natural."

Author Michael Crichton, who died of cancer last year, wrote the screenplay for ER in 1974 based on his experiences as a medical

student in a busy hospital emergency department.

But it went nowhere until Crichton worked with director Steven Spielberg on the 1993 film *Jurassic Park*, and later the two turned their attention to a TV pilot that eventually aired on NBC in September 1994.

ER's frenetic pace, complex medical jargon and multi-stranded plots were at odds with the self-contained medical mystery

**"We were in Kenya, in Nairobi, in the airport and everyone knew who I was."**

ER's Alex Kingston on the show's universal appeal

format used on most prior hospital TV shows.

But the format and characters played well to audiences. Between 1995 and 1999, ER was the top-rated drama on U.S. television.

It also has played in 195 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America and has been dubbed or sub-titled in 22 languages.

"We were in Kenya, in Nairobi, in the airport and everyone knew who I was," said ER actress Alex Kingston at a Hollywood party celebrating the show. "It was kind of strange, but that's just how big the show is." **REUTERS**

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	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	Lo Dobbs Tonight						
	54	54	54	GOLF	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide Tour - Stonebrae Classic						
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	27	27	27	YTV	Drake & Josh	iCarly	True Jackson	H2O, Just Add	Malcolm-Mid.	Futura	In Real Life	Falcon Beach
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	70	70	70	APTN	News (N)	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	Camera	Snapshot	Bathroom Divas-Opera Star	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
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## critics' corner

**ER** Alexis Bledel ("Gilmore Girls") and Ernest Borgnine guest star in the series finale, which finds Gates (John Stamos) treating a teen for alcohol poisoning following a dangerous drinking game. Old friends come to show their support when Dr. Carter (Noah Wyle) opens a medical facility for the underprivileged. 8 PM on CJCH; 10 PM on NBC



**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** Academy Award winner William Friedkin ("The French Connection") directs the 20th episode of the series that helped ignite CBS' red-hot lineup of procedural dramas. The CSI team delves into the world of Mexican wrestling after one of Langston's (Laurence Fishburne) former students is murdered. Marg Helgenberger also stars in the new episode "Mascara." 10 PM on CBS, CJCH

**Ballet High** No, it's not a song from "South Pacific." This new 90-minute documentary follows a group of students in their final year at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School. They've spent seven years, \$150,000 in tuition and long periods away from their families in their quest to become professional dancers. This year is their final opportunity to prove they have the right stuff. 10 PM on BRAVO





Karl Lagerfeld is fresh from a shoot for Chanel's autumn/winter campaign in Vermont, where he got in touch with his rural side. He tells WWD: "It was very cold, the sky was blue and the light was stunning. And the people are so nice." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Jennifer a hair-raising diva?

**PEOPLE** Jennifer Aniston's hair seems to be making more headlines for the Friends star than her acting. The latest news is that Jen refused to start shooting her new film as she was not happy with how her hair looked, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A source told America's OK! magazine: "In the morning everyone had to wait to start filming because Jennifer asked for extra time to finishing

blow-drying her hair."

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### Marry me or I'm leaving: Brad

**RUMOUR** While they've growing their family for years, sources say Brad Pitt has had enough. According to OK! Magazine, he's issued Angelina Jolie an ultimatum. "Brad's told her, 'Marry me, or it's over,'" a source tells the magazine. "He definitely wants to get married before they have any more babies," another source adds.

What's the beef? Sources say Pitt's been feeling "stressed out" taking care of the family while Jolie pursues her film and humanitarian work.

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## Mimi's 40th 'anniversary' getaway

**BIRTHDAY** Continuing their tradition of taking lavish vacations together, Nick Cannon whisked his wife of almost one year, Mariah Carey, away to Barbados via private jet Wednesday evening to celebrate her 40th, people.com reports.

On the day of her birthday, Cannon pulled off a private, 11-person dinner party at Barbados' ritzy Wispers on the Bay restaurant Friday night, filling the restaurant with hundreds of pink and lavender-hued balloons. The affectionate couple and their friends shared laughs and

bottles of Dom Perignon, along with Carey's favourite dessert — yellow cake with chocolate frosting flown in from New York — while a live band played. For her

main course, the birthday girl noshed on salmon with a cranberry and vodka white wine butter sauce, sautéed asparagus, and lemon scented herbal rice, while other

guests enjoyed lamb and angus beef with horseradish cream and tomato duxelle.

"Because she's been working extremely hard for the past few months recording new music for the album, it was important to Nick that the trip be a very relaxing one, where Mariah and her friends could truly enjoy themselves," says a source, noting Cannon wanted to plan "the most romantic and beautiful vacation possible" to celebrate Carey's 40th "anniversary."

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### David takes a family break

**FAMILY** American Idol champ David Cook hopes to return to his tour later this week after cancelling two shows "to deal with personal family matters," people.com reports.

The singer did not elaborate in the announcement posted on his Web site. But Cook's brother Adam has been battling brain cancer for over a decade, and Cook's rep tells People that David spent time with Adam last week.

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## Miley explains onstage cryfest

**PEOPLE** Miley Cyrus has ripped into cynical critics who questioned her tears at the Kids' Choice Awards on Saturday, but admits she's embarrassed about losing her cool at the ceremony, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star sobbed as she accepted her favourite female singer honour, and insists she really was overcome with emotion when her name was announced.

She tells MTV News, "I was a little embarrassed ... (but) it meant something to me, because it's from

the kids and the kids are more important than anything else in the world. So it made me happy."

Cyrus has also vowed that she won't end up like Britney Spears or Lindsay Lohan.

"The last thing I ever want to do is disappoint my parents," she tells Glamour. "My mom's dad died when she was 18, and if something ever happened to one

of my parents, I'd want them to go knowing I made them proud. I think it's selfish to go out partying all the time, especially if you have little ones (in your family). I have a nine-year-old sister, and I don't want her to go to school and have people make fun of her for it."

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## Bruno's Live Aid spoof

**MUSIC** Bono and Chris Martin have teamed up for a song which mocks Live Aid, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pair — both keen charity campaigners who were instrumental in getting together Band Aid 20 for their charity cover of Do They Know It's Christmas? — appear on Dove Of Peace, taken from Sacha Baron Cohen's latest movie Bruno.

Studio insiders say Bono and Chris were so amused by lyrics to the fashion-spoof song — which include, "For people of Africa who live in Hell/ They will never wear Chanel" — they were almost unable to record their lines.

A source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper:

"Chris Martin was laughing throughout the recording and only just managed to get his lines out."

"Sacha's character releases a brilliantly cheesy but subversive single — Dove Of Peace — which mocks the likes of Band Aid. It runs close to the bone but it's very tongue-in-cheek."

Singer Sting is also due to record a part of the song, while Baron Cohen friend Madonna has been approached as well.

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## Rihanna to reunite with Chris on Oprah?

**PEOPLE** After the initial fallout between Rihanna and Chris Brown, Oprah Winfrey was reportedly telling Rihanna not to take Brown back.

But that may be changing, as the talk-show host has been trying to get the pop singer on the show.

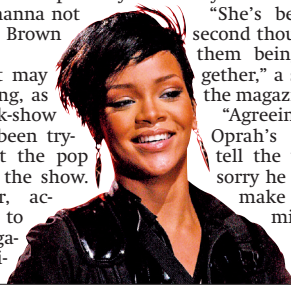
However, according to Look magazine, Ri-

hanna will only do it if Brown is by her side and ready to apologize publicly.

"She's been having second thoughts about them being back together," a source tells the magazine.

"Agreeing to go on Oprah's show and tell the world how sorry he is will help make up her mind."

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## Caine dishes on Heath and Christian

**PEOPLE** Michael Caine, who played Batman's butler in The Dark Knight, is thrilled by the late Heath Ledger's Academy Award win for playing The Joker, "stunned" by Christian Bale's infamous on-set outburst, and hopes for another sequel, people.com says.

"I'm so pleased," the 76-year-old tells People of the posthumous Oscar given to Ledger. "I thought that it was very important for his family as well. I was a big fan of his from the first time that I met him."

Caine says he had a hunch that Ledger's performance would win. "I was absolutely stunned by the way that he did it and the energy that went into it," he says. "I thought if anyone is going to better that and get an Academy

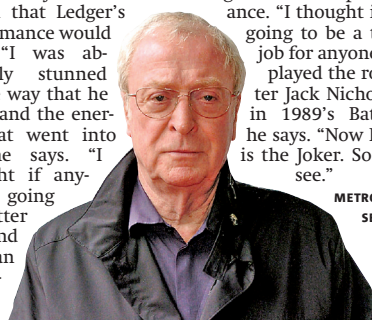
Award above him, I'd pay good money to see that."

What did surprise Caine was his Dark Knight costar Bale's profanity-laced tirade on the set of Terminator: Salvation.

"That stunned me, because he's not like that at all," says Caine. "It's completely out of character."

Caine says he hopes he's "still alive" to star in the next sequel. His pick for the next villain? "I would probably be The Riddler," he says, adding it will be tough for the actor to rival Ledger's indelible performance. "I thought it was going to be a tough job for anyone who played the role after Jack Nicholson" in 1989's Batman, he says. "Now Heath is the Joker. So we'll see."

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## John pens breakup song about Jen?

**BREAKUP** John Mayer insists his breakup with Jennifer Aniston hasn't influenced his songwriting, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer is about to start work on his fifth album but has denied he will draw on recent events in his personal life for his new material.

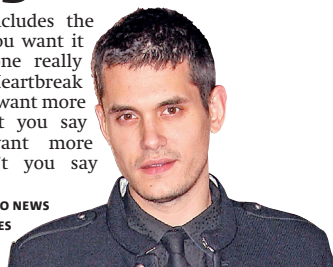
He said: "I'll be writing

about the same things I always wrote about."

Despite his insistence at keeping Jennifer out of his music, the singer debuted a new track, Heartbreak Warfare during his Mayercraft Cruise concerts last weekend, with many speculating the song was penned following the couple's separation.

The song includes the lines: "Once you want to begin/No one really ever wins/In Heartbreak Warfare/If you want more love/why don't you say so?/If you want more love/why don't you say so?"

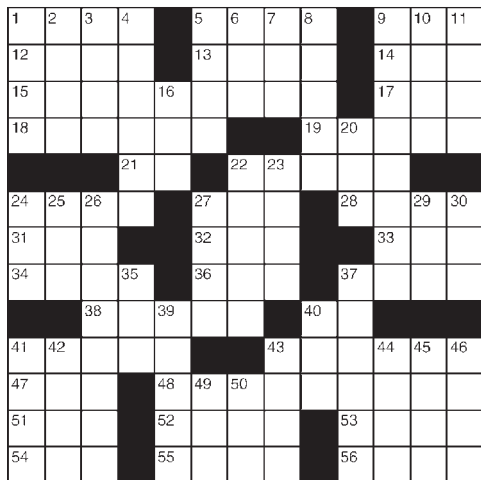
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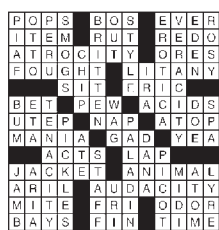
## Crossword across

- 1 "Star Trek" speed factor  
5 Cribbage props  
9 Upper limit  
12 Largest of the seven  
13 Penetrating wind?  
14 Time of your life  
15 Hangout for game fans  
17 Greek consonants  
18 Off the track  
19 YouTube offering
- 21 On the other hand  
22 Ask  
24 Humorous utterance  
27 Sickness cause  
28 Black, in verse  
31 Dadaist artist  
32 Have a 27-Across  
33 Exist  
34 Boyfriend  
36 Pigpen  
37 Staff, at sea  
38 "— Clown" (George Carlin album)
- 40 Scale member  
41 Nutritionists' recommendation  
43 Power failure  
47 Plagiarize  
48 Cyclist's mustache?  
51 Schedule abbr.  
52 "Zounds!"  
53 Piratic quaffs  
54 1940s headline word  
55 Weeps loudly  
56 Undo a dele

## Crossword down

- 1 "There once — man from ..."  
2 Uraei  
3 Laugh-a-minute  
4 Mimicry specialist  
5 Bouquet  
6 Undergo recession  
7 — long way  
8 Do the duty  
9 Hershey product  
10 Malaria symptom  
11 Mexican mon-
- ey  
16 Pitch  
20 Rage  
22 Gives up  
23 In pre-swain mode  
24 Poke  
25 Previous to  
26 It's below ZX-CVBNM  
27 Low-voiced  
29 Raw rock  
30 Fresh  
35 Last (Abbr.)  
37 Provides provender
- 39 McCourt's "Angela's —"  
40 Suffix with cup or cap  
41 Carey or Barrymore  
42 Speck  
43 Probability  
44 Touch  
45 Up for it  
46 Formerly, formerly  
49 Past  
50 Apprehend

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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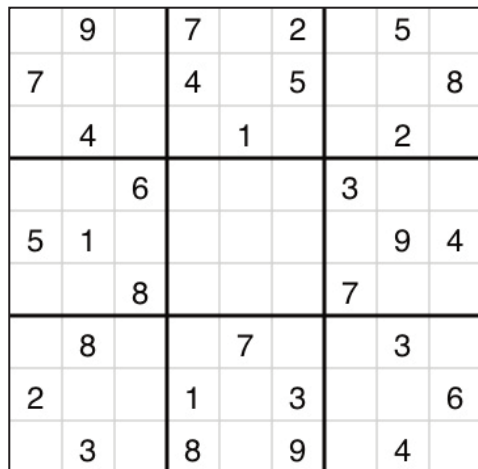
## SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min .....Genius  
13-17 min .....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min .....Keep practising

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## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Rice Pilaf with Dried Fruits and Almonds

## INGREDIENTS:

- 12 dried apricot halves  
1 tbsp (15 ml) margarine  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 cup (250 ml) jasmine or white rice  
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cardamom  
Salt to taste  
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper  
2 1/2 cups (625 ml) chicken or vegetable broth  
1/2 cup (125 ml) golden raisins  
1/3 cup (75 ml) slivered almonds, toasted

## METHOD:

1. Snip apricots into small slivers with kitchen shears  
2. Melt margarine in large

pot over medium heat. Sauté onion, rice, cardamom, salt and pepper until rice is toasted, 8 minutes.

3. Stir in broth, raisins, almonds and apricots and bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer until broth is absorbed, 25 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes. Fluff with fork and serve.

SERVES 4



## Horoscopes

## AVATAR VENUS

## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You made a strong impression on a nitwit. Don't try to fool anyone about making the best of things. Give your support but avoid a battle.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



A girl is afraid of a flaming romance. A wasteful situation is about to end. A non-conformist influences serious matters.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Tell the truth to eliminate depression. Arrange your time to include rest stops. Better days are coming.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Longing for a distant person will diminish. Nerves are jangling due to someone's request. Bravado sweeps away disappointment.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Roll up your sleeves and tackle a tough job. A trusted person will be free with cash. Don't be led astray by delays.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Financial reality gets in your way. A distasteful scene puts your teeth on edge. A woman is shocked by having fresh opportunities.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



A missing person has a mysterious adventure. A friend tries to control how things work out. An unexpected sum of money is coming.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



A non-judgmental elder sorts things out. Refuse to be concerned about a shrieking woman. Trust is an issue for those who drink to excess.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



A gullible person will be rebuked. False friends have issues about property. Dealing with ignorance is enlightening.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



You need no excuse to make a stimulating change. Be affectionate but don't talk too much. A winning ticket brings benefits.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Don't act in a high-handed manner. A generous person struggles with a lousy offer. A teenager needs to smarten up.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



A rowdy guy whines about cruelty. Pay attention to a charismatic female. An honest man is stumbling in the dark.

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## This day in history

- APRIL 2, 1810: Napoleon Bonaparte marries Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.  
APRIL 2, 1902: Electric Theatre, the first full-time movie theatre in the United States, opens in Los Angeles, Calif.  
APRIL 2, 1917: Jeannette Rankin becomes the first woman ever elected to the U.S. Congress.  
APRIL 2, 1972: Actor Charlie Chaplin returns to the U.S. for the first time since being labelled a communist in the early 1950s.  
APRIL 2, 1975: Construction of the CN Tower is completed in Toronto. At 553.33 metres, it becomes the world's tallest free-standing structure.

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